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March 31, 2015

The Honorable John A. Boehner  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-232, Capitol Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-204, Capitol Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
S-230 Capitol Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
S-221 Capitol Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Speaker Boehner and Leaders McConnell, Pelosi, and Reid:

On behalf of the Port of Freeport, we are writing to urge you to move legislation as soon as possible to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank). Federal policies that increase and sustain trade are beneficial for jobs and economy. The Ex-Im Bank provides important opportunities for domestic manufacturers and employers to compete internationally and ship American goods into the global economy. With the dynamic and uncertain global marketplace, it is vital for U.S. manufacturers and service providers to have reliable and multiple tools to compete effectively.

The Port of Freeport plays a critical role providing services in the export of goods including resins & polymers, agricultural products, automobiles, paper products and other durable goods. Port Freeport's economic impact to the local community as well as the State on a whole, includes over 13,000 direct and 27,000 induced jobs many of which are made possible by the financial services offered through the Ex-Im Bank. Since the 2008 financial crisis, the Ex-Im Bank has helped over 1,200 companies in the state of Texas alone to finance more than \$19 billion in export activities in the energy, technology, and heavy manufacturing sectors.

Exports are a large part of the Port of Freeport's portfolio. We see significant benefits to the trade and exports relating to the Ex-Im Bank and the Port of Freeport, and respectfully request your support for the reauthorization of the Ex-Im Bank, as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Glenn Carlson  
Executive Port Director

cc: Texas Congressional delegation

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